



From darkness, light.

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In response to Carroll ISD curriculum ideas on the Holocaust:

Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) is deeply distressed by the Carroll Independent School District curriculum administrator's ideas on Holocaust education inferred from HB3979.

HB3979 states that Texas educators should offer multiple perspectives on "widely debated and currently controversial issues of public policy" - this requirement would not apply to the Holocaust which is historical fact. The gruesome atrocities of the Holocaust are the most documented in history and are based on indisputable evidence of every type.

Asking for "opposing views" to be taught alongside Holocaust history will open the door to Holocaust denial and distortion – which are both antisemitic.

Holocaust Museum Houston offers resources, curriculum, and support for educators teaching the history of the Holocaust. Tens of thousands of students visit our museum each year at no charge whether in person or through virtual tours. Many students are able to interact with Holocaust Survivors who share their first-hand experience.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commanding General of the Allied Forces that defeated Nazi Germany declared:

"Get it all on record now - get the films - get the witnesses - because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened."

To learn more about Holocaust Museum Houston, please visit hmh.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Josehart".

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